

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair's misuse of the public airwaves is an outrage, an attack on democracy and free thinking, and an affront to the dignity of America's citizens. Sinclair's responsibility is to be a steward of the public good, not to be radically partisan and pre-empt normal programming in order to broadcast political propaganda.

This is not the first time Sinclair has used it's power for political purposes. There was also the incident in which it refused to air an episode of "Nightline" that featured the names and photographs of American troops killed in Iraq. The fear was that such a display would reflect poorly on the president.

Sinclair has gone too far this time. This is just the latest example of the corporate media shirking their duties to serve the common good. Sinclair's broadcast license should be revoked, and far greater restrictions on media ownership in this country are needed as a general principle. Please wake up and realize the damage companies like Sinclair are doing to the level of discourse in this country!